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INDICATOR AND METHOD OF TROUBLESHOOTING

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following proposed claim is for discussion only.

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

inquiring, from a remote location, a status of an upper-layer communication indicator, the upper-layer communication indicator displayed at a transceiver, wherein the status is observable by a visual inspection of the upper-layer communication indicator by an end-user, and wherein the status of the upper-layer communication indicator indicates an Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) layer 4 or above communication status above layer 3;

entering the status into data storage;

performing a first set of actions when the status indicates valid upper-layer communication; and

performing a second set of actions when the status indicates invalid upper-layer communication.